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SUBJ: ANTARCTIC TREATY: AUGUST 25 MONTHLY PREPARATORY

MEETING

REF: LONDON 13736

1. U.S. REP TO AUGUST 25 MEETING IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) FAO OBSERVER - U.S. REP SHOULD AGREE TO VISIT OF FAO PERSONNEL TO NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING SITE FOR BRIEFINGS OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK, AS WAS DONE AT FIRST EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING IN MARCH. THIS APPEARS TO U.S. TO BE ALL IN FACT THAT FAO IS ASKING FOR IN THE LETTER TO UK (REFTEL). FAO DOES NOT RPT NOT ASK TO BE PRESENT AT OR PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES THAT DISCUSS FISHERIES QUESTIONS AND TO WHICH U.S. WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO AGREE.

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B) TELECOMMUNICATION OF METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION - U.S. REP MAY INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF SOVIET PROPOSED EXPERTS GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT AND WHETHER USSR INTENDS TO DISTRIBUTE A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTUAL PROBLEM THAN CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED EXPERTS GROUP AGENDA AND DRAFT

RECOMMENDATIONS IT HAS ALREADY TABLED. FYI. WE WILL

BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE GENERAL ATTITUDE NOW OF OTHERS TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL. END FYI.

C) CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS - U.S. REP SHOULD INDICATE THE U.S. WILL HAVE A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION WHICH WILL BE TABLED AT THE NINTH MEETING.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORMALLY NOTIFY THE UK CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS (AND THE PREPCOM IF THE SUBJECT ARISES) THAT WE WILL HAVE THREE EXPERTS TO ATTEND THE EXPERTS MEETING ON TECHNIQUES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IF MINERAL EXPLOITATION OCCURS. CHRISTOPHER

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